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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 154-164 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 154-164 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 154-164 been renumbered 1-10.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 154 and 156-162 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maroulis (USP 6584094) in view of Ford (USP 6463051).

Regarding claims 154 and 158, Maroulis discloses a communication system comprising a public switched telephone (PST) (Fig 1, Ref 113) network; an internet protocol (IP) network (Fig 1, Ref 117); a private branch exchange (PBX) (Fig 1, Ref 103) with a telephone (Fig 1, Ref 101) coupled thereto to route a telephone call over the PST network (Fig 2C, ref 223); and a voice gateway (Fig 1, Ref 109) coupled to the PBX and to the IP network to route a telephone call over the IP network (Fig 2C, Ref 227). However, Ford discloses the voice gateway configured to support a plurality of numbering plans, accepting a number entered via a calling telephone by a user in accordance with one of a plurality of numbering plans; translating the number into the IP address of one of the plurality of voice gateways; and routing the telephone call from the calling telephone to a called telephone. (Fig 2, Ref 54 is a database for translating the telephone number plans such as international and National numbering plans, See col. 3, lines 47 to col. 4, lines 10; col. 5, lines 10 to col. 6, lines 47 and Table 1 and 2 is the examples for numbering plans).

Since, Maroulis suggests a routing table of a gateway must be use to map the telephone number with IP address of the destination gateway. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to map a plurality of numbering plans with the IP address of the gateway or mapping dialing pattern with another number as disclosed by Ford's system and method. The motivation would have been to reduce the long distance cost.

Regarding claim 156, Ford discloses a directory coupled to the voice gateway, and wherein the voice gateway is configured to access the directory and to control the telephone to support the plurality of numbering plans (Fig 2, Ref 54).

Regarding claim 157, Ford discloses the plurality of numbering plans supported includes at least one numbering plan from a group consisting of: a uniform numbering plan (UNP); an enterprise numbering plan (ENP); a PSTN numbering plan; and a direct trunk group access code (Col. 7 and 8, Tables 1-2).

Regarding claim 159, Ford discloses a gateway database coupled to the plurality of voice gateways, the gateway database having the IP addresses of the plurality of voice gateways stored therein, and wherein the step of translating the number comprises steps of accessing the gateway database with one of the plurality of voice gateway and associating the number with an IP address in the gateway database. (Fig 2, Ref 54 and See col. 7, table 1 is used to translating dialed number to a destination gateway and associating a number with IP address).

Regarding claim 160, Ford discloses the step of associating the number with an IP address comprises the step of manipulating a digit of the number (Col. 6, lines 37-47 and Col. 7-8, tables 1-2).

Regarding claim 161, Ford discloses translating the number includes the step of translating a number from at least one numbering plan from a group consisting of: a uniform numbering plan (UNP); an enterprise numbering plan (ENP); and a PSTN numbering plan; and a direct trunk group access code (Col. 7 and 8, Tables 1-2).

Regarding claim 162, Ford discloses the step of routing the telephone call comprises the step of controlling the plurality of voice gateways to route the telephone call from a first voice gateway over the IP network to a second voice gateway (Col. 6, lines 1-24 and Col. 7, lines 14 to col. 8, lines 54).

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5. Claims 155 and 163-164 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marouslis and Ford as applied to claims 154 and 158 above, and further in view of Rogers (USP 5946386).

Marouslis and Ford fail to disclose the voice gateway is coupled to the PBX via a call status-call control link to control operation of the telephone but Ford discloses gateway control the PBX to route incoming call to called telephone over PSTN (Col. 8, lines 33-54 . In the same field of endeavor, Rogers discloses a call status and control link between the PBX and gateway for control operation of the telephone and routing the incoming call at the second gateway to the telephone at local PBX or over PSTN (Fig 1, Ref 219 is link between the PBX and gateway for controlling and monitoring the operation of the telephone and Col. 39, lines 1-15).

Since, CTI link between the gateway and PBX is well known and expected in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to apply a call status and control link between the PBX and gateway as disclosed by Rogers into the teaching of Marouslis and Ford. The motivation would have been to distribute the incoming calls to the PBX.

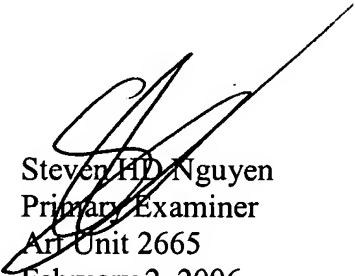
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven HD Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3159. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy D. Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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